

Minutes of Meeting
Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission
July 5, 2023

Members Present: Chuck Pell, Chairman
Bob Sherman, Vice Chairman
Thomas Bazan
Tabitha Bock
Jeanette Goza
Tina Lathan
Aakash Raut
Dean Williams

Members Absent: Molly Berns, Mike Brooks

Staff Present: Schyler Thomas

Call to Order: A quorum being present, Chairman Pell called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to approve the June minutes. A motion to approve the June minutes was made by Commissioner Sherman and was seconded by Commissioner Bock. The voice vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman's Report/Comments: Chairman Pell asked Schyler Thomas to introduce herself. Schyler Thomas introduced herself and stated she has been with the County for four months now and is the Administrative Assistant for the Regional Planning Commission.

Old Business: Chairman Pell stated he did not get the PDF of the barn book out to the Commissioners but noted that he was hoping to go over some items during this meeting. Chairman Pell stated he had some homework for Commissioner Sherman. Chairman Pell stated the barn book has various figure references but some of the figures are not included, so Commissioner Sherman and Chairman Pell need to sit down and go through Commissioner Sherman's books and find the appropriate figures or remove any particular figure references. Chairman Pell noted the rest of the meeting will be used to go through some of the edits. Commissioner Bazan proposed to make sure Chairman Pell is interpreting the notes correctly. Commissioner Bazan clarified his note page and stated any marked as Full: have pictures and a write-up which would be enough for 2-pages, Enough for 2p: have multiple pictures to span 2-pages but there is no write-up, One +: indicates there are multiple pictures but not enough to cover 2-pages and no write up, and One: means there is only one picture of a certain barn and no write up. Chairman Pell noted some of the barns with only one picture could be combined to have several barns per page. Commissioner Goza asked Commissioner Sherman if the barn book could have a table of contents by type of barn. Commissioner Goza noted the Commission could organize the barn book by barn type in a chapter-like organization. Chairman Pell stated the Commission will have to determine if there are enough of the various types of barns to split the book up into sections by barn type. Commissioner Sherman noted sometimes he can tell the type of barn by the picture, but he would need to see the inside of the barns to know for sure. Commissioner Sherman noted the nomenclature at the beginning of the barn book was supposed to help educate individuals on the various types of barns. Commissioner Bazan noted a later version of the barn book could be reorganized by type of barn but for now, the Commission should just go with that they have currently. Commissioner Bazan noted that right now the barn book would be published as a PDF but noted that if the Commission would like to apply for a

CLG grant to print the book, the reorganization of the book into barn types would be good for completing the necessary “sweat equity.” Commissioner Sherman shared with the Commission a picture of a barn off Pec Road which is west of Bradfordton Road. Chairman Pell asked the Commission about their thought on the location maps included on each page. The Commission’s consensus was that they liked the location maps. Chairman Pell noted that the addresses will be removed from the barn book for the final version. Commissioner Bazan noted the barns that only have one picture and no information probably do not need a location map. Commissioner Bock asked why there were so many barns without information on them. Chairman Pell noted that meant the barn was not researched or follow-up information was not available. Commissioner Bazan noted that another area for sweat equity is researching those barns that do not have any information. Commissioner Bazan noted some of the barns that just have a picture but no information could be left out of the book. Chairman Pell noted the Commission could also leave the one picture barns in the book and lump them together. Chairman Pell asked if the Commission should intersperse all of the types: full spread, one-page, and one-picture. The Commission agreed to intersperse the types. Commissioner Goza noted the Commission could put a disclaimer asking for information on any of the barns in the book that do not have information.

Chairman Pell noted the Commission did not submit a CLG grant application due to the cost provided by the consultant for the proposed township survey and the inability of the Commission to provide the required 30%. For a future CLG grant application, Commissioner Bazan noted the Commission should compile a list of all the libraries in the County including those in schools in order to work on a grant that would place the barn book in these various libraries. Commissioner Bock stated she could compile the list. Commissioner Bazan noted this would give the Commission the information on how many copies of the book would be needed and the Commission could then get a cost estimate from a printer.

New Business: None

Initial Recommendation for New Landmark Applications: None

Member Reports: Commissioner Sherman wanted to make sure the barn he took a picture of would be included in the barn book.

Commissioner Williams shared the beginning of a Sheriff’s video that was shown down at the border regarding the fentanyl crisis and noted the Commission got recognition in the credits at the end.

Staff Reports: None

Public Comment: None

Additional Comments: None

Adjourn: Chairman Pell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bazan made a motion to adjourn the July meeting with Commissioner Bock seconding the motion. The voice vote to approve was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Emily Prather